Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Government will enquire into the matter and do what is needful.

The percentage of voters to State population.

96. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what percentage of the total population of the State the voters of the Legislative Council are comprised of?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—2.1 per cent.

The procedure regarding questions in the Council.

97. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Government have any objection to adopt the procedure and method followed by the Madras Legislative Council from the dates on which the questions are submitted by the Members, till the answers are placed on the table, such as, informing the Members that such and such questions have been allowed and disallowed, the dates on which the questions were first received, such and such questions will be answered on the following day, etc.?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Members are now informed, if their questions are disallowed. As regards the other points, the Government do not consider that any departure from the existing practice is necessary.

The allotment for certain Panchayats.

98. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount of money given for the years 1098, 1099, 1100 to (1) Pattancheri, (2) Vilvattam and (3) Nemmara Village Panchayats and also to (1) Kadangod and (2) Kadavallur Village Panchayats;

(b) that, in view of the comparatively small amounts given to the two Village Panchayats mentioned last, whether adequate attention will be given to their needs in the future?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(b) Their needs will be attended to according to their urgency and as funds permit, as in the case of other Panchayats.

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APPENDIX IV.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 98.)

Serial No.	Name of Panchayats	Expenditure in 1098	Expenditure in 1099	Expenditure in 1100
1	Pattancheri ...	1,774— 6— 5	2,041—11— 2	2,006— 9— 6
2	Vilvattam ...	3,086—15— 5	1,660— 5— 8	5,412— 2— 7
3	Nemmara ..	2,484—12—10	3,589— 8—10	6,059— 5— 0
4	Kadangode ...	3 7— 2— 0	59—12—10	165— 3— 0
5	Kadavallur ...	31—14— 5	131— 9— 5	40— 3— 4

The lapsing of the Diwan's sanction.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—A point of information, Sir, with regard to the lapsing of the sanction given by the Diwan.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The sanction once given will lapse, with the prorogation of the session.

President.—Did you bring it to my notice for reconsideration? If sanction is once granted, and if it has lapsed, and if it is being ruled by the President that fresh sanction is required, you have to apply for it. Have you brought it to the consideration of the President with reasons for your position?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—No, Sir.

The Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill.

President.—The next item of business is the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill. It was moved by the Law Member and seconded by Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon. At the same time it was opposed by Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon. We have now to discuss the principle of the Bill.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—In British India there was an Act called the "Cotton Duties Act" which provided for the due submission of returns by the several mill-owners, showing the quantity of yarns spun and goods manufactured in the various mills. That Act was repealed with the passing of the new Act called "the Indian Cotton Industries Statistics Act" for the due submission of the returns. Simultaneously with this, another Act entitled the "Indian Finance Act" was also passed.

President.—Is there any provision in the Finance Act for the submission of the returns?

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